

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-6 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to the generation of power, including mechanical power or electrical power, from the flow of water against the blades of a water turbine. Further, the present invention relates to ~~flotations~~ flotation platforms for such turbines.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 3-11 with the following amended paragraph:

Turbine blades 120 may be lowered or raised to varying depths within a water current. More particularly, and with reference to FIGS. 1-4, turbine 101 is carried by a pair of opposed elevators generally designated 60, each of which elevators comprises a framework 62 secured to platform 10. Each such framework includes a rail 65 which extends at an upward angle of about 45 degrees with respect to the surface of platform 10. Axle 111 is journaled within journal boxes 68 slidably carried by rail 65. The elevation of turbine 101, including blades 120, relative to platform 10 is thus determined by the position of the journal boxes along rails 65. ~~The position~~ Such elevation is secured by and may be ~~varied~~ adjusted by means of a chain 66 and pulley 67 mechanism.

Please replace the paragraph on page 14, lines 9-16 with the following amended paragraph:

The third embodiment (FIGS. ~~13-14~~ 15-16) differs from the second embodiment (FIGS. ~~15-16~~ 13-14) in that it includes two turbines 501 rather than a single turbine 301. Further, in contrast to platform 210, platform 410 includes a third elongated rearward part 460 positioned mid-way between its first and second rearward parts 415, 418. Rearward part 460 extends longitudinally rearwardly from forward part 412 substantially parallel to the first and second rearward parts 415, 418, and a pair of longitudinal openings 421, 471 extend downwardly through the platform between rearward parts 415, 418, the pair being separated by rearward part 460.